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LETTER DATED 5 DECEMBER 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CUBA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed by the Revolutionary Government of Cuba to inform you of a new act of international piracy.

On the night of 4 December, members of counter-revolutionary organizations which operate in United States territory, manning a large vessel that came from the north, fired a considerable number of cannon and machine-gun shots at San Francisco Beach, situated some thirty kilometres east of the town of Matanzas, on the north coast of the province of Las Villas.

The account of this event corresponds exactly with the statements made in New York by spokesmen for such organizations to the Associated Press agency. The fact that the spokesmen for these counter-revolutionary organizations are in New York that the vessel came from the north and that it was armed with weapons with which only regular armed forces are equipped entitles one to conclude, without being exaggeratedly suspicious, that this operation was planned in the United States and that the ship came from United States territory.

This illegal action, occurring at a time when you are trying to bring about a permanent and satisfactory solution of the so-called Caribbean crisis, provides further justification for the position taken by the Revolutionary Government of Cuba that only a solution which includes specific measures to provide minimum safeguards, such as those contained in the five points proposed by the Prime Minister, Fidel Castro, would offer an effective and lasting guarantee of peace in this region and in the world.

The Revolutionary Government of Cuba considers that an objective evaluation of this event and of the circumstances in which it took place would enable you to draw the appropriate conclusions as to the most effective way of achieving the noble aims which you are pursuing.

On behalf of my Government, I ask for this letter to be circulated as an official United Nations document.

Signed Carlos M. LECHUGA HEVIA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Cuba
